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WAREWOLF!

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WAREWOLF? BEST FRIEND
I EVER HAD. THE MAN WAS
SOLID STATE. AS IN,
"THEY DON'T MAKE 'EM
LIKE THAT ANYMORE."

HE TAUGHT ME HOW
TO HACK THE STREET
AFTER THE OLD MAN
THREW ME OUT. COUNTING
ON HIM TO WATCH MY
BACK WAS AS EASY
AS BREATHING.

SHOULD'VE
FIGURED THAT
WOULDN'T
LAST.

NOTHING I
LIKE STAYS
THE WAY I
LIKE IT.

TERMINATE
TARGET:
"GHOST RIDER"

UNCONTROLLABLE LARGE

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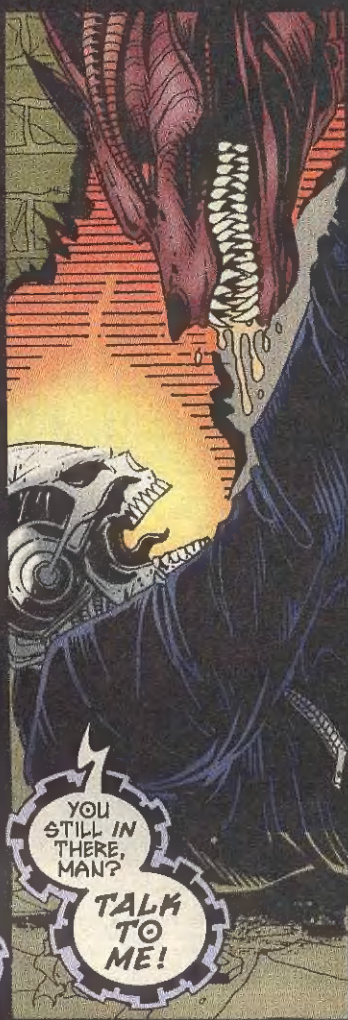
TARGET
EXTERIOR:
HOLOGRAPHICALLY-
CONFIGURED TACTILE
FEEDBACK FIELD

SKRAPTCH



PURPOSE:
CAMOUFLAGE

WAREWOLF?



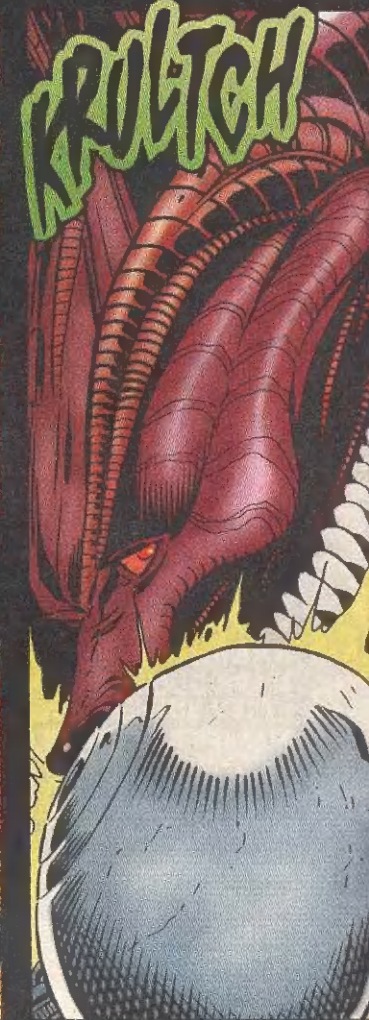
YOU
STILL IN
THERE,
MAN?

TALK
TO
ME!



DISREGARD
VERBAL
INPUT

I...
CONTENT
IRRELEVANT



KROETCH



RRRR

VRRT
SKKT

JAMMIT!

WRRON
ZEYON

ZAMP

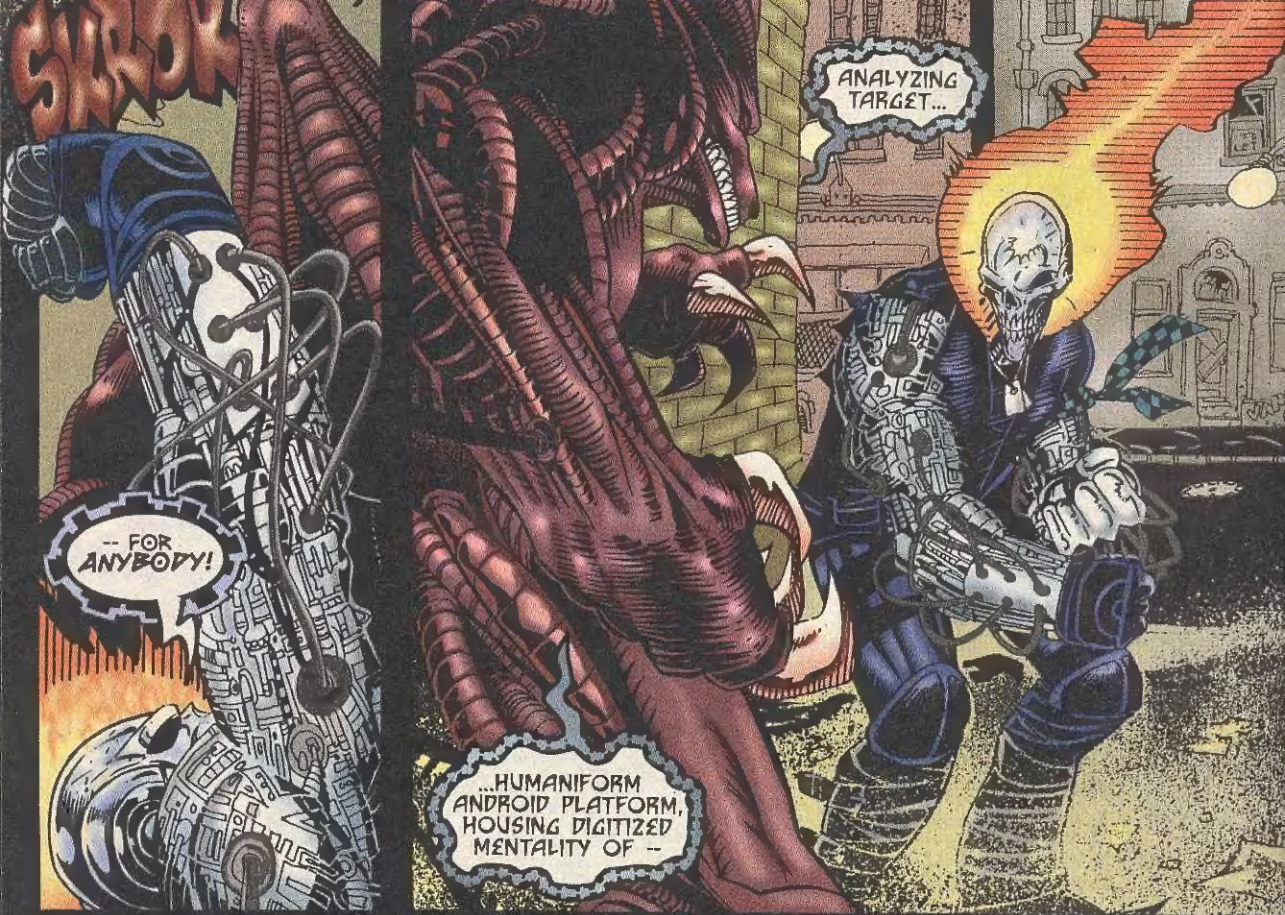
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-- BUT
ONE THING
I DO
KNOW --

I DUNNO
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU, OR
HOW --

-- I
DON'T LAY
DOWN AND
DIE --

TARGET
STATUS CHANGE:
DEPLOYING TO
FULL COMBAT
MODE



THERE'RE MORE
WORTHLESS
PUSBACKS IN THIS
TOWN THAN I CAN
COUNT --

L'MON,
MAN!

NOW
I KNOW
YOU'RE STILL
ONLINE!

-- RATBITERS
I'D GREASE
IN A HOT
SECOND --

WAKE
UP!

-- AND I GOTTA
END UP RIPPIN' WITH
ONE OF THE MAYBE
TWO PEOPLE I GIVE
A JAM ABOUT.

OPTION
NO LONGER
AVAILABLE

THR
K
A
M
M

NOT LIKE
I'VE GOT A
CLUE --

-- ABOUT
WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO THE
OTHER
ONE...

JEEZ, QUIT
SHOVING! I'M
GOIN'
ALREADY!

NO
TALKING.

AH,
GO WRECK
YOURSELF.

MISTER
WOMACK?

THE PERPE-
TRATORS
YOU WANTED
TO SPEAK WITH,
SIR.

YOU
THE
BOSS?

WHAT
DYA WANT
WITH US?

INFORMATION.

YOU
TRIED TO ACCESS
A PROPRIETARY
ALGORITHM
BELONGING TO THIS
COMPANY. WHY?

OH, THAT. JUST
AN ACCESS CODE
MIS-READ. TOTAL
ACCIDENT.

WE'RE
JUST A
COUPLE OF
STUPID KIDS,
Y'KNOW?

OBSVIOUSLY.

COOPERATION
WOULD BE
MUCH MORE
INTELLIGENT.

WE FOUND
THIS DISK ON
THE SCENE,
SIR.

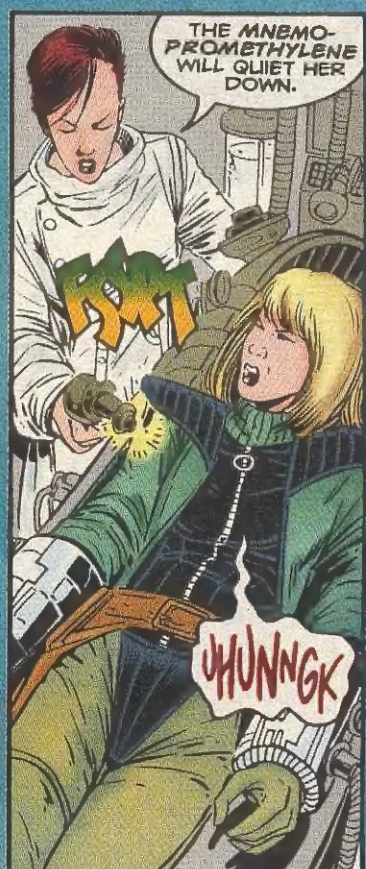
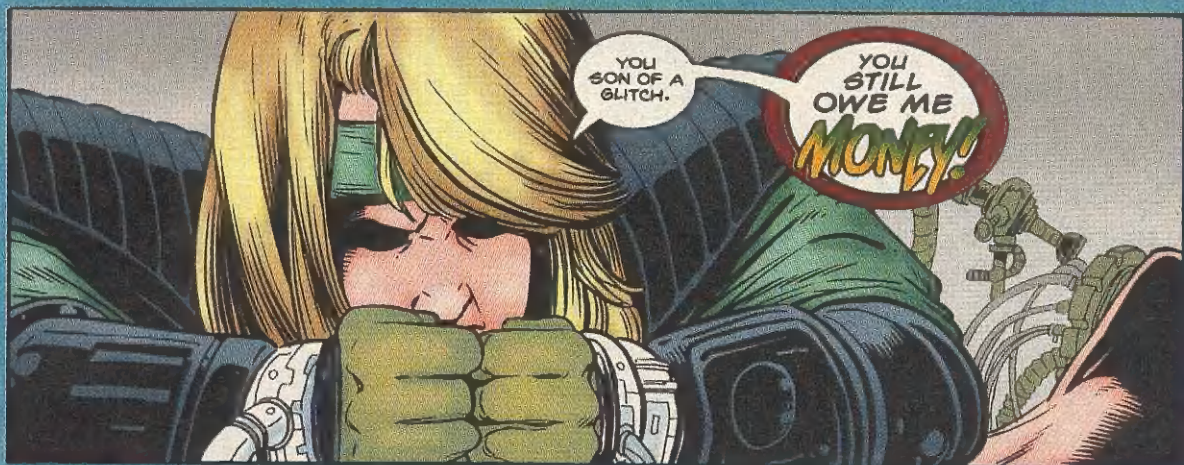
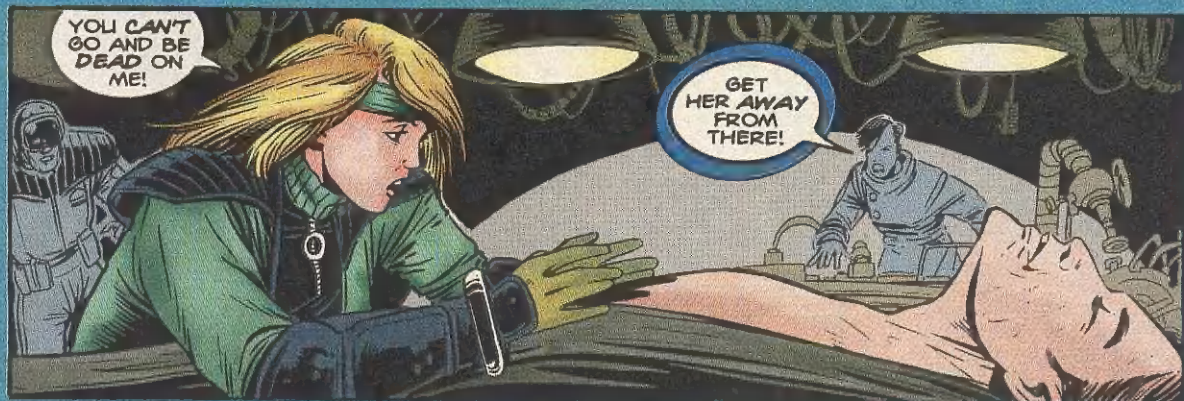
Hm. I'LL HAVE
IT LOOKED
AT.

IN THE
MEANTIME,
TAKE THEM
DOWN TO NEURO-
TERROGATION.

I THINK
WE'RE
IN MAJOR
TROUBLE,
HERE.

YEAH?
AND WHOSE
FAULT IS
THAT, SPUD-
BOY?

I
SAID NO
TALKING.





THERE.

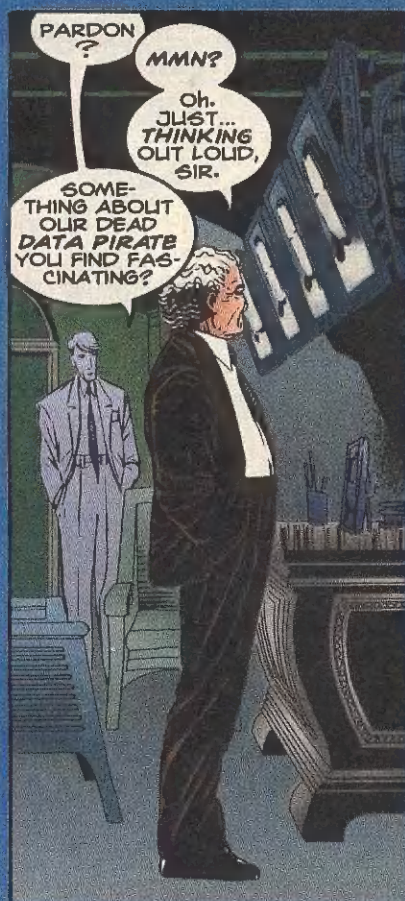
WE'LL
START WITH
HER MEMORIES
OF HER DEAD
FRIEND OVER
THERE.

THERE'S
STILL QUITE
A BIT WE DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
HIM.



MEANWHILE...

DISGRACEFUL.

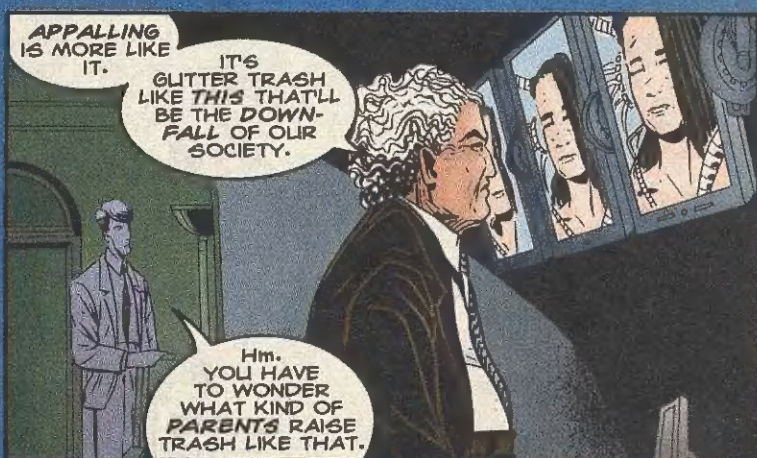


PARDON
?

MMN?

Oh,
JUST...
THINKING
OUT LOUD,
SIR.

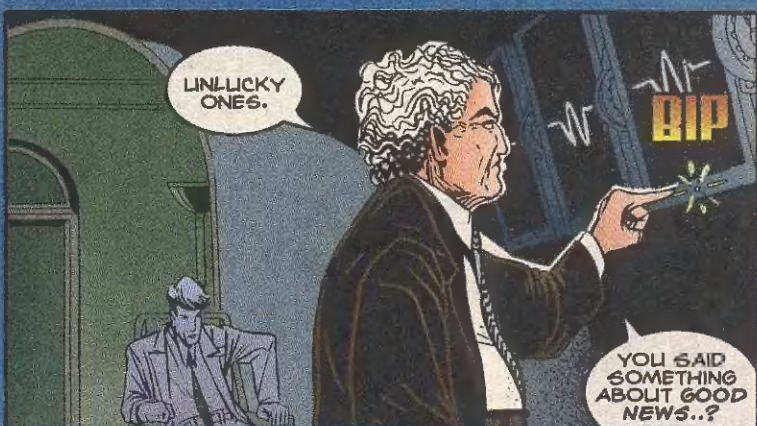
SOME-
THING ABOUT
OUR DEAD
DATA PIRATE
YOU FIND FAS-
CINATING?



APPALLING
IS MORE LIKE
IT.

IT'S
GLITTER TRASH
LIKE THIS THAT'LL
BE THE DOWN-
FALL OF OUR
SOCIETY.

Hm.
YOU HAVE
TO WONDER
WHAT KIND OF
PARENTS RAISE
TRASH LIKE THAT.



UNLUCKY
ONES.

YOU SAID
SOMETHING
ABOUT GOOD
NEWS..?

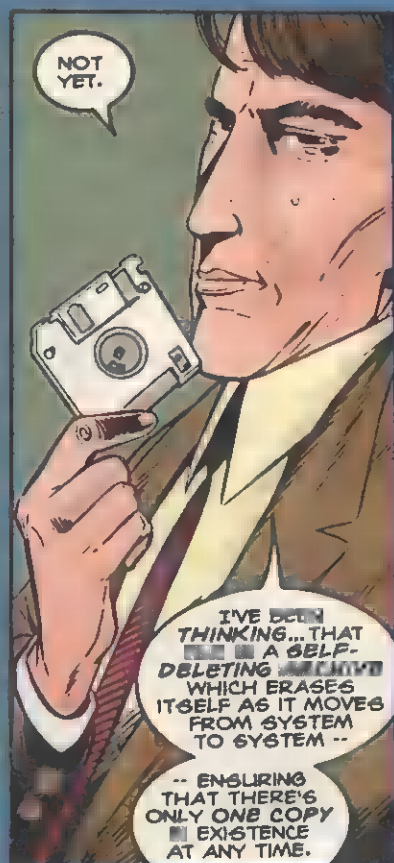


WE TOOK THIS OFF A CYBERJOCK WANNABE WHO TRIED TO ACCESS AN ALGORITHM USED TO ENCRYPT THE STOLEN FILE THAT'S CAUSED US SO MUCH TROUBLE.



YOU MEAN WE'VE RECOVERED THE SINGAPORE ARCHIVE?

HAVE YOU TOLD KBLERMAN YET?



NOT YET.

I'VE BEEN THINKING... THAT ~~THIS IS~~ A SELF-DELETING ARCHIVE WHICH ERASES ITSELF AS IT MOVES FROM SYSTEM TO SYSTEM --

-- ENSURING THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE COPY IN EXISTENCE AT ANY TIME.



THE SINGAPORE OFFICE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO PREPARE AN ABSTRACT BEFORE THE EXPLOSION THAT WIPED THEM OUT --

-- SO

EVEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN THAT FILE, JUST THAT THEY THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH MAXIMUM SECURITY

THE WAY I SEE IT, WHOEVER HAS FIRST ACCESS TO IT WILL LIKELY HAVE SIGNIFICANT... ADVANTAGES.



NOW, I'VE GOT THE DISK, AND ~~WE'VE~~ GOT THE RESOURCES TO DECRYPT IT QUIETLY.

YOU TELL ME --

YOU
DISAPPOINT
ME, WOMACK.

-- DO YOU
THINK THE OLD
MAN NEEDS TO
KNOW ABOUT IT
JUST YET?

I'D THOUGHT
YOUR AMBITION
WAS LEASHED BY
COMMON SENSE.

OR DO YOU
ACTUALLY
WANT TO
TEACH
ME TO CRUNCH
NUMBERS?

INPUT
FLAG

MAGNIFICENT.

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS
OF HOSTILE VEHICLE
TERMINATED BY CSS

PROCESSING...

EASILY HALF
A DOZEN
UNKNOWN NEW
TECHNOLOGIES.

ALL OF
WHICH WILL
NO DOUBT
HAVE TO BE
PROSCRIBED.

DISSEMINATION
OF SUCH POTEN-
TIAL MEANS OF
TECHNOLOGICAL
INDEPENDENCE
WOULD HAVE A
CATASTROPHIC
EFFECT ON
SOCIAL ORDER.

FILTER
ACTIVATED;
"GHOST MODE"

THIS IS
REPORTING LIVE
AND DIRECT FROM
THE STREETS OF
TRANSMET CITY.

A BATTLE
IS RAGING
TONIGHT --

-- A
CLASH OF
TITANS BETWEEN
THE MYSTERIOUS
OUTLAW KNOWN
AS THE GHOST
RIDER --

-- AND
AN ARMY OF
TERRIFYING
MUTANT
MACHINES.

CSS
SPECIAL-FORCES
UNITS, HAVING
ALREADY ENGAGED
THE GHOST RIDER
IN ONE INCONCLUSIVE
BATTLE EARLIER --

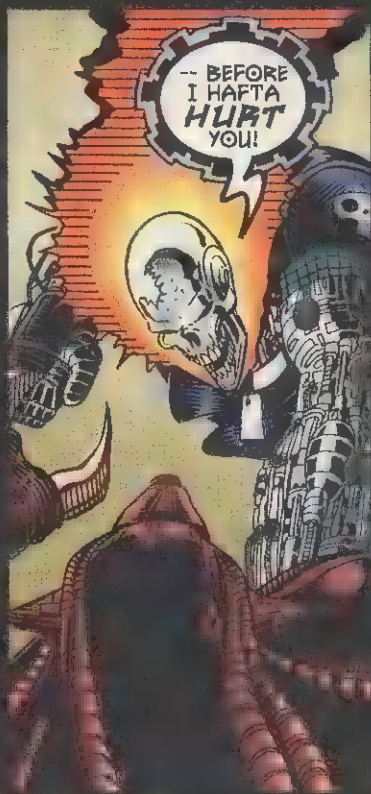
-- ARE
REPORTEDLY
ON ROUTE TO THE
SCENE OF THE
CARNAGE.

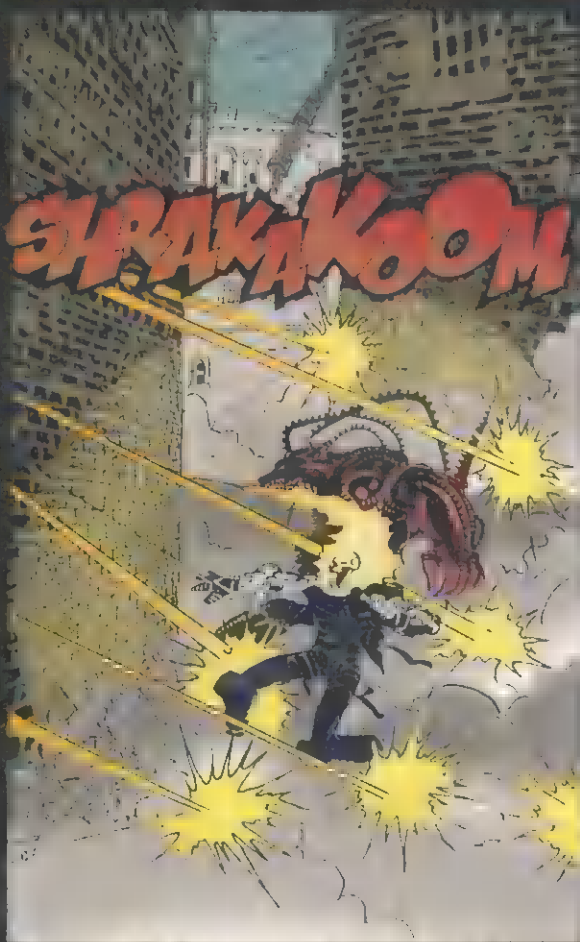
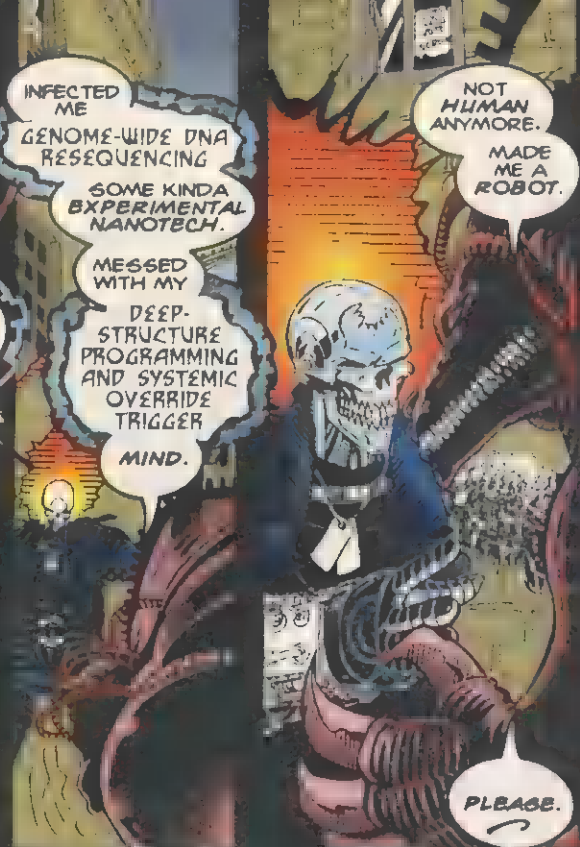
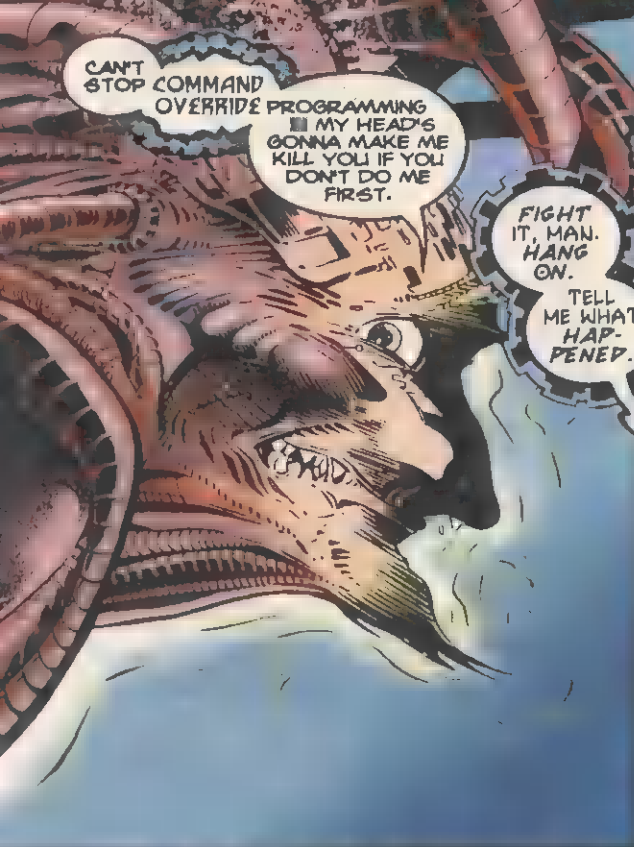
WHETHER
THEY CAN
DEAL WITH
THIS SITUATION,
HOWEVER --

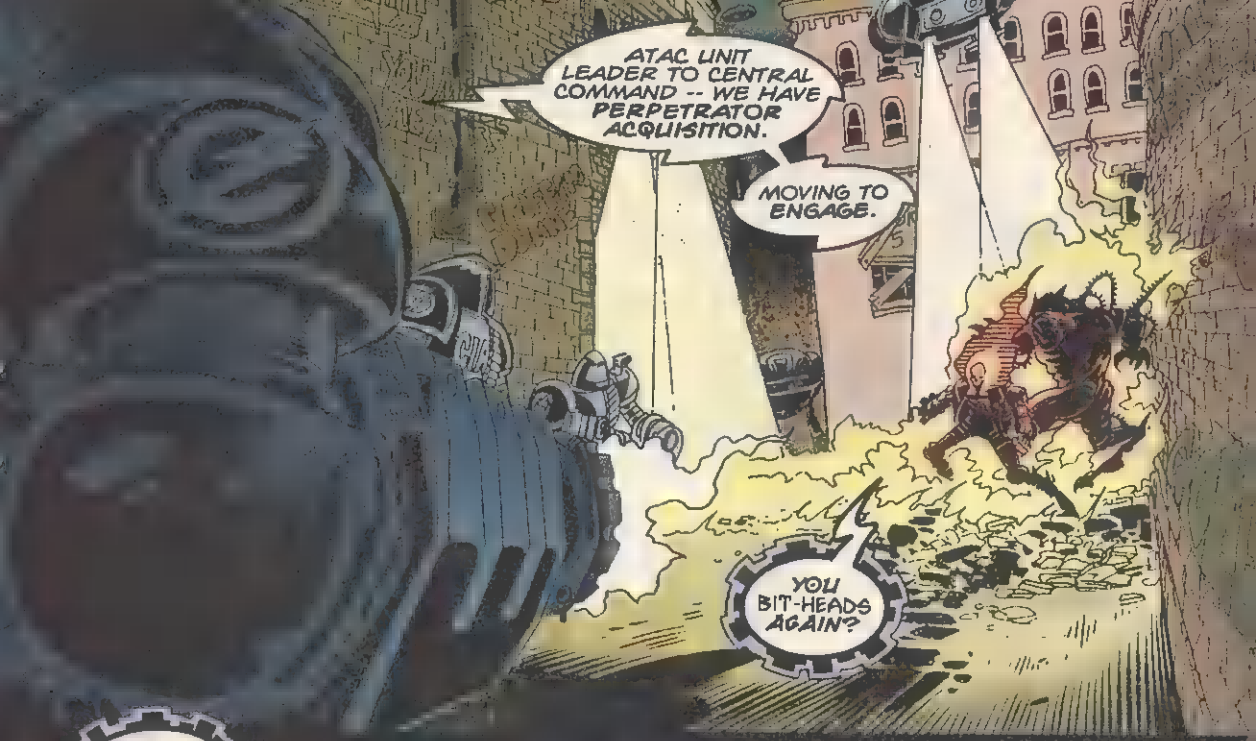
-- REMAINING
TO BE SEEN.

SKRATCH

THRAK! CHAM







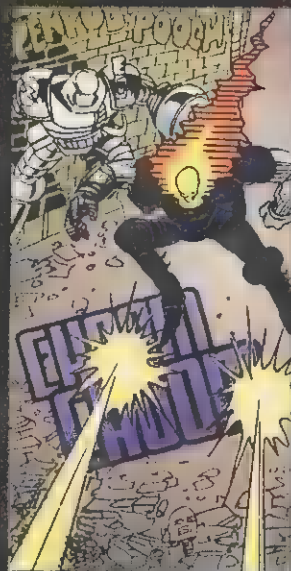
ATAC UNIT
LEADER TO CENTRAL
COMMAND -- WE HAVE
PERPETRATOR
ACQUISITION.

MOVING TO
ENGAGE.

YOU
BIT-HEADS
AGAIN?



CAN'T
YOU SEE I'M
BUSY?!



KRUK

AAUGH

SHAKRAK

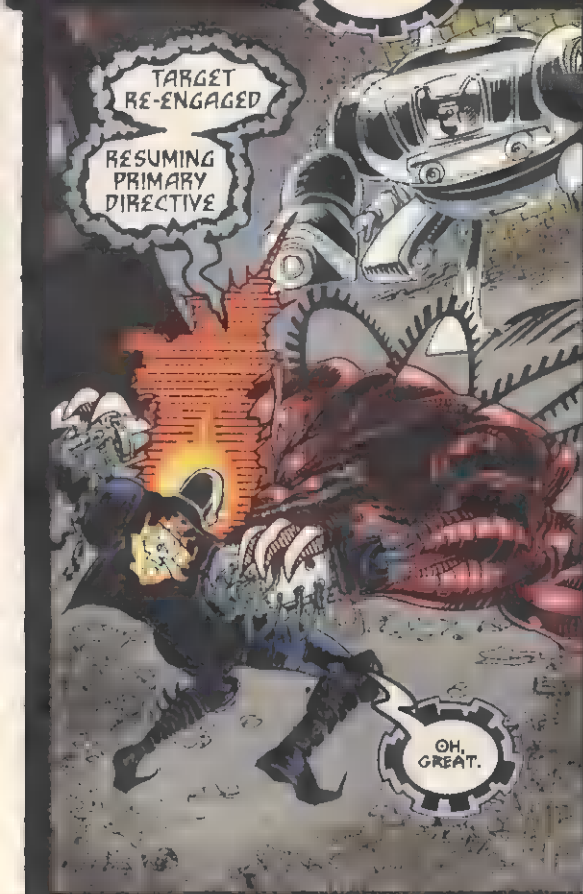
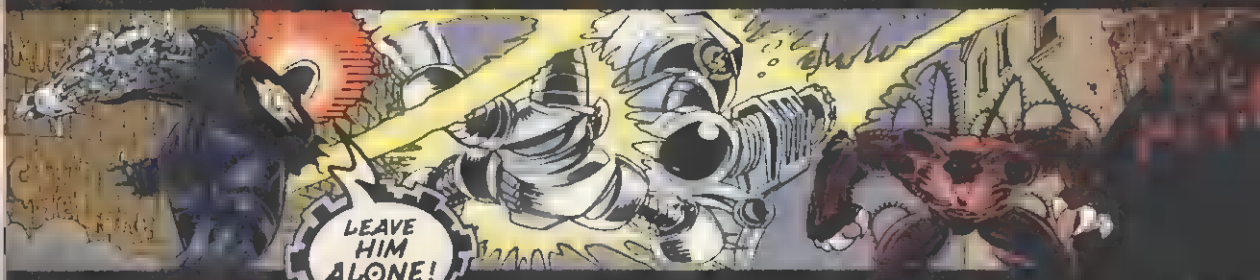
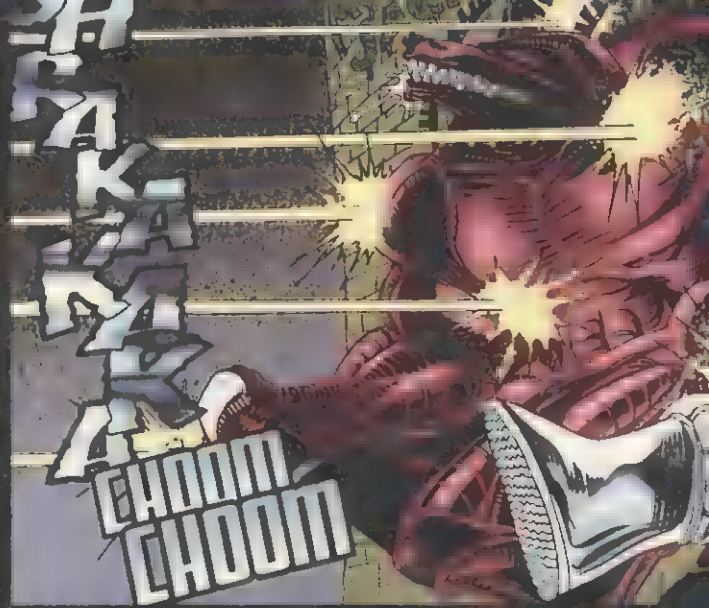


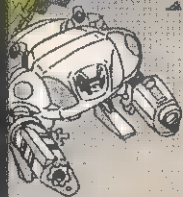
THRAKAKAKAK

DIMARCO!
I NEED
BACK-UP!

MISSION
OBJECTIVE IN
JEOPARDY

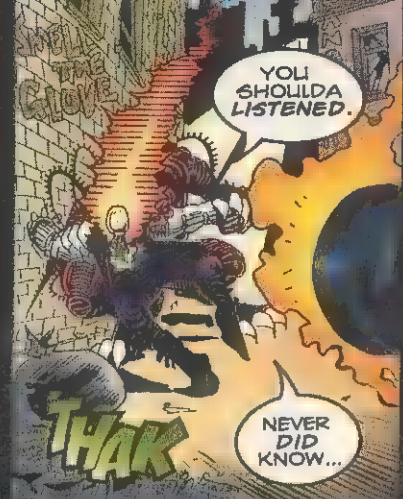
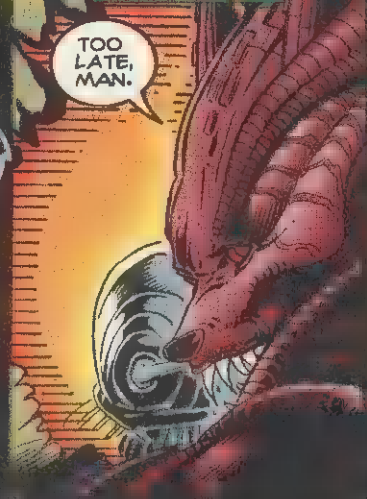
REMOVING
OBSTRUCTIONS





WARE-
WOLF, WE
GOTTA --

TOO
LATE,
MAN.

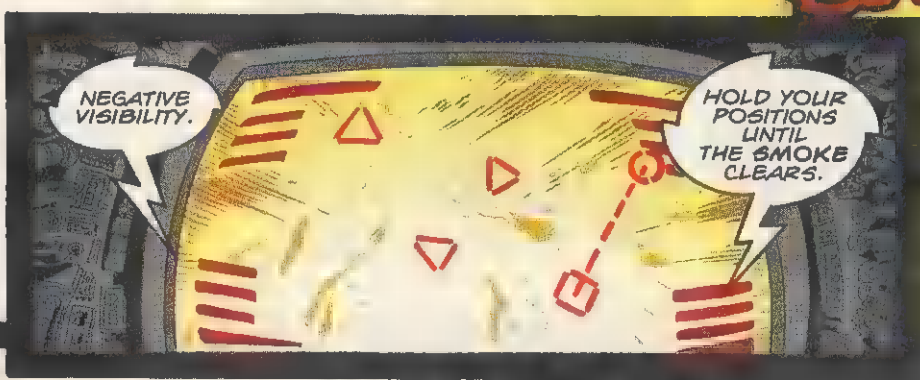


YOU
SHOULDA
LISTENED.

NEVER
DID
KNOW...



...WHAT'S
GOOD FOR
YOU!



NEGATIVE
VISIBILITY.

HOLD YOUR
POSITIONS
UNTIL
THE SMOKE
CLEARS.



AW,
NO...

DON'T...

BETTER...
THIS WAY...
ZEROMAN.



'LEAST
I'M
FREE...

...AND THE
RATBITERS...
LOSE.



JAMMIT,
IT'S NOT
FAIR!

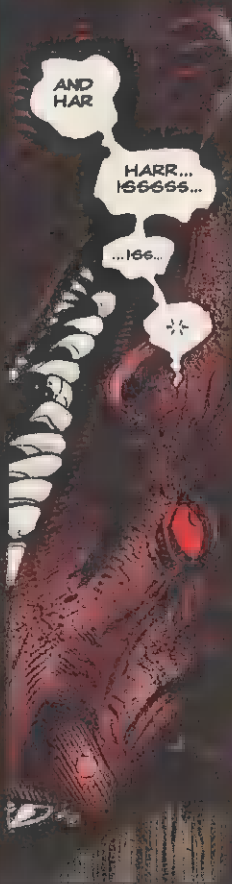
WHO DID
THIS TO
YOU?



D

MONIX

WO...
MACK

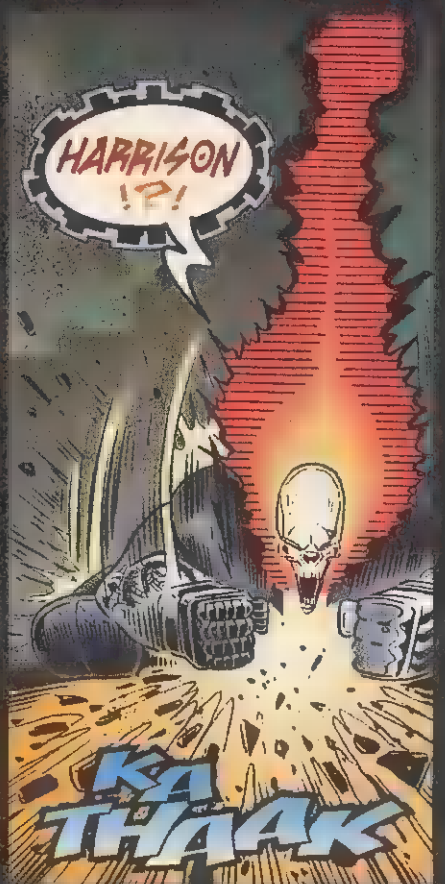


AND
HAR

HARR...
IS6666...

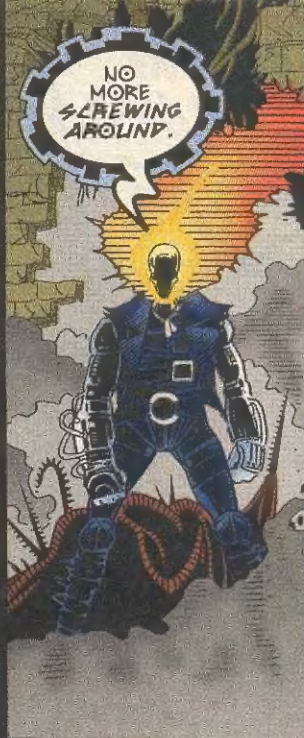
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HARRISON
!P!

KA
THAAK



WHAT,
D'YOU
THINK I'D
FORGET?

FAT
CHANCE.

THRRRRMMMM

OPTIC LASER
SELECTED
> SCAN MODE
MAPPING
TARGET

RECALIBRATING
BEAM INTENSITY
> ASSAULT MODE



PAYBACK'S
BURNED INTO
ROM.

GARGE!

YOU'D
BETTER E-MAIL
THE BOY
BANKS.

SHOOT

WHAT

CHAKLAK

SHAK

BLK CHIN

TELL 'EM
TO GET
READY --

SOUL
CRASH



-- FOR
RUSH
HOUR.

NEXT: BRUTAL YOUTH!